IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Pascal NICOLLE et al.

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For: PROGRAMMING STATION GENERATING A PROGRAM IN SINGLE

LANGUAGE AND AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT USING SUCH A PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) Programming station according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises an XML handler Hndlr (20) in non-volatile memory, dialoguing through notifications firstly with a tree structure management module (30) representative of